Appln. S/N 10/553,873 Amdt dated February 13, 2008 Reply to Office Action dated November 13, 2007

Amendments to the Specification:

Wl 6/13/08 Please replace paragraph [0063] with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- [0068] Anti-fuse transistor 100 includes a variable thickness gate oxide 102 formed on the substrate channel region 104, a polysilicon gate 106, sidewall spacers 108, first and second diffusion regions 110 and 112 respectively, and LDD regions 114 in each of the diffusion regions 110 and 112. Field oxide regions 113 are grown adjacent to the diffusion regions 110 and 112, and surrounds the channel region 104 and the diffusion regions 110 and 112, to isolate the anti-fuse transistor 100 from adjacent anti-fuse transistors or other transistor structures. The variable thickness gate oxide 102 consists of a thick oxide and a thin gate oxide such that a portion of the channel length is covered by the thick gate oxide and the remaining portion of the channel length is covered by the thin gate oxide. Generally, the thin gate oxide edge meeting diffusion region 112 defines a fusible edge where oxide breakdown can occur. The thick gate oxide edge meeting diffusion region 110 on the other hand, defines an access edge where gate oxide breakdown is prevented and current between the gate 106 and diffusion region 110 is to flow for a programmed anti-fuse transistor. While the distance that the thick oxide portion extends into the channel region depends on the mask grade, the thick oxide portion is preferably formed to be at least as long as the minimum length of a high voltage transistor formed on the same chip. --

M 108

Please replace paragraph [007/2] with the following rewritten paragraph:

- [0072] Figure 6a shows an anti-fuse transistor 200 having an "L" shaped gate/diffusion perimeter, also referred to as the fusible edge, at the floating diffusion end of the device. Anti-fuse transistor 200 is essentially the same as anti-fuse transistor 100 shown in Figures 4 and 5. An active region 202 has a diffusion region with bitline contact 204, and a polysilicon gate 206 formed over a variable thickness gate oxide layer (not shown). The OD2 mask 208 defines where the thick gate oxide is formed underneath polysilicon gate 206. In the present embodiment, the floating diffusion region, channel region, and polysilicon gate share a common "L" shaped edge. The edge consists of two edge segments 209 oriented at an angle with respect to each other. While the presently

Appln. S/N 10/553,873 Amdt dated February 13, 2008 Reply to Office Action dated November 13, 2007

shown embodiment shows the angle to be about 90 degrees, the angle can be set to 135 degrees if desired. —

53

Please replace paragraph [007/3] with the following rewritten paragraph:

--[0073] Figure 6b shows an anti-fuse transistor 210 having a straight "S" shaped gate/diffusion perimeter, also referred to as the fusible edge, at the floating diffusion end of the device. Anti-fuse transistor 210 is essentially the same as anti-fuse transistor 200 shown in Figure 6a. An active region 202 has a diffusion region with bitline contact 204, and a polysilicon gate 206 formed over a variable thickness gate oxide layer (not shown). The OD2 mask 208 defines where the thick gate oxide is formed underneath polysilicon gate 206. In the present embodiment, the floating diffusion region, channel region, and polysilicon gate share a common straight "S" shaped edge. The edge consists of three edge segments 209 oriented at 90 degree angles with respect to each other. --

10

Please replace paragraph [0086] with the following rewritten paragraph:

40

- [0086] Figure 11a illustrates a plurality of anti-fuse transistor memory cells arranged in a basic cross-point array, according to an embodiment of the present invention. Sensing is single ended in the present embodiment. The anti-fuse transistor memory array 700 includes anti-fuse transistors 702 coupled to wordlines WL0-WL3 and bitlines BL0, BL1, BL2 and BL3. Anti-fuse transistors 702 can be implemented with any of the previously described anti-fuse transistors. Each bitline is connected to a p-channel isolation transistor 704, which in turn is connected to thin gate oxide p-channel pass gates 706, 708, 710 and 712. It is noted that isolation transistors 704 are thick gate oxide transistors, where this thick gate oxide can be the same combination of the intermediate oxide and the thin gate oxide used for the anti-fuse transistor embodiments of the present invention. The gate terminal of all isolation transistors 704 receive isolation voltage VB, while the gate terminals of pass gates 706, 708, 710 and 712 receive column select signals Y0, Y1, Y2 and Y3 respectively. The column select signals perform a one of four bitline selection to couple one of the bitlines to cross-point sense amplifier 714. Cross-point sense amplifier 714 can be a current sense amplifier that

be clistos

Appln. S/N 10/553,873 Amdt dated February 13, 2008 Reply to Office Action dated November 13, 2007

compares the current of the bitline to a reference current IREF, and generally denotes single-ended sensing schemes in the present description, where a bitline voltage or current is compared to a reference signal carried on another line. —

Please replace paragraph [0096] with the following rewritten paragraph:

\$1

- [0096] Figure 13 shows a folded bitline architecture employing the previously described anti-fuse transistors **702**. Memory array **800** is similar to memory array **700** of Figure 11b, except that memory cells **702** are arranged in the folded bitline architecture. Figure 13 includes a wordline decoder circuit 718 for driving wordlines WL0 to WL3. Those skilled in the art will understand that the decoding circuitry within wordline decoder circuit 718 can include any configuration of logic gates and circuits for driving one wordline in response to a row address.—

6/13/08